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OBJECTIVES OF CENTRE FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether IARIs objective of Centre for Academic Excellence could not be achieved in full despite the fact that the strength of faculty members during 1995-2001 was three times the number of students admitted for different courses;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) the number of in-house projects undertaken during 1995-2001 and number of projects for which final reports were available;

(d) whether many of the projects achieved partial objectives resulting in wasteful expenditure; and

(e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the details of remedial steps taken by the Government?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) IARI achieved its objective as a Centre of Academic Excellence and has retained its status as a premier institution.It is evident from the recently held ARS examination results where more than 50 students of IARI have succeeded in getting selected against the 71 vacancies in Agriculture. In addition to their participation in the teaching activities, our faculty members are also involved in the research and extension activities of the Institute.

(c) In the Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI) there were 402 in-house projects under implementation during 1995-2001Out of these, 210 projects were started from April 1994 and the final reports of 199 projects are available in IARI. During the course of discussion by competent authority at various divisions, a number of projects were re-mandated.

(d) No, Sir. Objectives were achieved for all the projects;

During the last few years more than 100 varieties have been developed in cereals, pulses and oilseeds, vegetables, fruits and flowers. The Institute developed a number of farm implements, agrochemicals, biocontrol strategies for pests and various agro-production and production technologies.

Significant achievements have been made in genetic engineering for biotic and abiotic stress tolerance, molecular mapping and DNA fingerprinting, Methodology to forecast wheat production for different states of India employing WTGROWS model.

(e) Not applicable.